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1. DEPT APPRECIATES FULL REPORTING WE ARE GETTING ON WHO'S EFFORTS FILL VACANCY 75/114 IN DIVISION OF COORDINATION. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT U.S. NATIONAL CANDIDATES ARE WELL QUALIFIED AND HOPE THAT CHOICE WILL BE MADE ON BASIS OF QUALIFICATIONS. IN PARTICULAR, IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE AND UNACCEPTABLE TO US IF U.S. CANDIDATES WERE RULED OUT BECAUSE THE POSITION HAS HERETOFORE BEEN HELD BY ANOTHER U.S. NATIONAL (REF A). WHILE WE AGREE THAT PARTICULAR POSITIONS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED THE EXCLUSIVE DOMAIN OF ONE NATIONALITY, WE WOULD ALSO INSIST THAT A WELL-QUALIFIED CANDIDATE NOT BE RULED INELIGIBLE SOLELY BECAUSE HE IS OF SAME NATIONALITY AS HIS PREDECESSOR.

2. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT QUOTES ATTRIBUTED TO DDG DR. LAMBO IN REF B, PARA 8, TO EFFECT THAT THERE "TOO MANY AMERICANS IN WHO" IT HAD BEEN OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT

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LAMBO WAS SYMPATHETIC TO RECRUITMENT OF ADDITIONAL QUALI-

FIED AMERICANS IN WHO AND HAD BEEN URGING US TO PRESENT CANDIDATES. WITHOUT APPROACHING DR. LAMBO AGAIN, WE WOULD

APPRECIATE MISSION'S ASSESSMENT OF THESE REMARKS AND IN PARTICULAR THE MISSION'S JUDGMENT ON WHETHER THE QUOTE CITED CONSTITUTES REASONED POSITION OF LAMBO OR WHETHER, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL, IT RESULT OF TENSIONS DUE TO HEAVY TRAVEL AND WORK SCHEDULE. IF THEY IN FACT REPRESENT CHANGE IN HIS ATTITUDE, MISSION'S SUGGESTIONS SOLICITED RE HOW WE MIGHT RECONDITION DR. LAMBO TO INCREASE HIS RECEP- TIVITY TO AMERICANS IN ORGANIZATION, WHERE THEY NOW REPRE-SENT ONLY 11 PERCENT OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES. INGERSOLL

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